

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2016

Call to Order: Dana Harrington Conner, Acting Chair, called the DVCC Quarterly meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

Introductions: In attendance were the following DVCC members: Dana Harrington Conner, Secretary Carla Benson-Green (DSCYF), Laura Graham, Esq. (CLASI), Commissioner Gretchen Gilchrist, Commissioner Robert Coupe (DOC), Judge Carl Danberg (CCP), Attorney General Matthew Denn, Linda Carmichael (Superior Court) for President Judge Jan Jurden, Chief Judge Michael Newell (Family Court), Chief Defender Brendan O'Neill (ODS). Also in attendance were Mariann Kenville-Moore (DCADV), Terica Jones (CJC), Cherelyn Homish (People's Place), Shantiyyah Hobby (Member of Public), Sandra Hobby (Member of Public), Ellie Torres (Family Court), Tim Collins (Member of Public), Maria Knoll (DAG), Nancy McGee (SAND), Erica Davis (CHILD, Inc.), Jeff DeSaulniers (Capitol Police), Chris Kervick (CJC), Delaney Duricek (Member of Public) and Mr. Rick (Member of Public) and DVCC Staff: Maureen Monagle, Natasha Smith, Aimee String, and Pat Kwetkauskie.

Minutes: A motion to approve the September 12, 2016 minutes was made, seconded and the minutes were approved.

Executive Committee: In order to reach a quorum, the Executive Committee needed to add another member. Current members include: Dana Harrington Conner, Judge Carl Danberg, and Representative Deborah Hudson. Dana opened up the floor for nominations. A motion was made to elect Brendan O'Neill to the Committee. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Nominations of Chair & Vice Chair: Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair need to be forwarded via email to Dana or Maureen Monagle for a vote at the March 2017 Council meeting.

VAWA Implementation Committee Recommendations Vote: The total deposits made to the Domestic Violence Fund for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 period: \$95, 211.00. This amount is 1.3% less than the previous year. During the September meeting, the DVCC approved the Committee's request to not make this year's funding competitive. This funding will continue to support legal services for victims of domestic violence for one more year.

A motion was made for funds to go to CLASI and DVLS for one more year. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Delaware's FFY2016 STOP VAWA Formula Grant award was \$943,114.00.
The FFY2016 Grant is the final year under the "FFY2014-2016 Three Year Implementation Plan" that was approved by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) in October 2014.

Per federal guidelines, S.T.O.P. Funds must be distributed in the following amounts:

- 30% to non-profit victim services
 - 10% of which must go to culturally specific agencies
- 25% for prosecution
- 25% for law enforcement
- 5% to the courts
- 15% for discretionary use

States must also ensure 20% of the award (\$188,623.00) must go to programs that “meaningfully address sexual assault” in two or more categories. The recommendations work towards compliance with this mandate:

- NPO Victim Services: \$103,710.00
- Prosecution: \$40,000.00
- Law Enforcement: \$59,983.00

The Committee’s funding recommendations are for programs to continue the services and response to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

An unobligated balance remains.

A motion was made for funds to go to various agencies based on the recommendations of the VAWA Implementation Committee. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Family Court Enhancement Project

Chief Judge Newell gave an update on the FCEP project. He stated that project was able to receive a no cost extension for one year to work on implementation of recommendations. In September 2016, Delaware attended an all sites visit in New York with the other three jurisdictions that are participating in the FCEP. Delaware’s team has a different approach due to the Commissioner/Judge structure.

Recommendations from the two subcommittees have been finalized. Sixty one (61) recommendations have been made and the Management Team will look for overlap in the recommendations. The implementation phase may include rule changes, statutory changes, or pilot projects. The Chief Judge noted that the Management Team will not be able to fix everything at once but the next step is to present the recommendations to the Judges and Commissioners at a joint meeting on February 16, 2017. The FCEP’s Collaborative Group will meet on February 24, 2017 to discuss implementation of recommendations.

High Risk Team Update: Natasha Smith (DVCC) updated the Council on the process of developing a High Risk Team in Delaware. A group of interested stakeholders have met and reviewed a few different models that currently exist. In meeting the group decided that the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Model for a high risk team would not fit the needs of Delaware and decided against applying for technical assistance at this time. The group also discussed reaching out to a Domestic Violence High Risk Team based in Farmington, Michigan for guidance. The workgroup is currently editing a draft MOU and a referral form if the group decides to move

forward with a pilot Domestic Violence High Risk Team. The workgroup will continue to meet in 2017.

DVCC Committee Updates:

Children & Domestic Violence: Secretary Benson-Green gave a brief update regarding funding for the Safe and Together Model. The DVCC is exploring options for one time funding for David Mandel to provide training and technical assistance to the Division of Family Services on the Safe and Together Model. Funding is not secured but additional information will be available in the first quarter of 2017.

Criminal Justice: Brendan O'Neill (ODS) reiterated that the Criminal Justice Committee is working on developing the High Risk Team in Delaware. The Committee's 2016 accomplishment was to establish a pop-up flag in DELJIS for non-served PFA respondents. Peggy Bell was instrumental in the flag placement.

Public Awareness: Judge Carl Danberg (CCP Court) updated the Council on the Forums poster contest "*Healthy Relationships through Your Eyes*" that was held in each of the high schools hosting a DV Prevention Forum: Delcastle, Dover and Seaford. Each school selected a winner: Delaney Duricek, Delcastle High School; Shantiyyah Hobby, Dover High School; and Kaleigh Clendenin, Seaford High School. The DVCC chose the overall winner from the three finalists. There were four sponsors of the awards: The Nu Upsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., The Psi Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., in affiliation with the H.O.P.E. Foundation and two anonymous donors. Based on the scoring criteria, Shantiyyah Hobby was chosen as the overall winner due to the play on words with "Realeyes through Your Eyes".

Treatment: Aimee String (DVCC) updated the Council on the Assessment of the Batterer's Intervention Programs is in the final phase of data collection. Barbara Goldberg will provide a preliminary report which will be available for the March quarterly meeting. The report will highlight suggestions and offer feedback.

Aimee attended the International Batterers' Treatment Conference sponsored by the Batterers' Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan (BISC-MI), took place in October. She plans on sharing her training with the Committee during their March 2017 meeting.

Commission Robert Coupe informed the Council that there is a National trend to rename the Batterers' Intervention Program. The trend is moving towards naming the behavior not the individual. The Committee will keep the Council abreast of these changes.

Fatal Incident Review Team Report

Natasha Smith (DVCC) informed the Council that the 2016 Fatal Incident Review Team Report is available on the DVCC website. Please contact Maureen Monagle with any questions pertaining to the report.

Announcements:

- Recognition of Senator Blevins retirement from the DVCC will be occurring at the May 8 Council meeting. Please let Dana or Moe know of any special plans for recognition. Dana requests that all Council members be present.
- Member-at-large positions will be voted on at the March Council meeting. All nominations need to be forwarded to Dana or Moe prior to the meeting.
- Dana reminded Council members to forward their nominations for Chair to Moe before the March meeting.

Public Comment:

- Mariann Kenville-Moore, Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence, thanked the Council for another year of service and she is looking forward to collaboration in the future. Mariann asked that the Council be involved in policies for increased use of body cameras by law enforcement. Policies need to ensure the safety and well-being of domestic violence victims. The Criminal Justice reform is another area that Marianne would like the Council to be involved.
- Tim Collins, member of the public, made statements to the Council regarding his concerns that men are also victims of domestic violence.
- Cherelyn Homlish, People's Place, reminded the Council that their hotline accepts calls and offers services to male domestic violence victims.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 13 @ 1:30 p.m., Buena Vista – Buck Library

The meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.